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SUBJECT: UNCTAD MEETINGS ON COMMODITIES: COPPER

REF: A) PARIS 23510; B) STATE 197486

1. MORNING MAIL AUGUST 23 BROUGHT US LEGOUX'S
RESPONSE, DATED AUGUST 20, TO HEWITT'S AUGUST 10
LETTER (REF B). TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. HEWITT: SPLITTING MY
HOLIDAYS INTO TWO HALVES, I PASSED THROUGH PARIS AND
THAT WAS LUCKAS IT GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE
COGNIZANCE OF YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 10, 1976 AND OF
THE VISIT OF MR. LUMSDEN TO MY OFFICE.

I AGREE THAT SOME KIND OF PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS BEFORE THE COPPER "PREPARATORY MEETING" SHOULD
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BE USEFUL, BUT I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT MY

CAPACITY TO CONVENE A CONSUMERS MEETING. AS YOU POINT OUT, THIS PREPARATORY MEETING HAS NO FORMAL LINK WITH OUR FRUITFUL MARCH CONSULTATION. MOREOVER, I AM NOT SURE TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE SPOKESMAN OF ANYBODY; I HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY THE CONSUMERS AS A POSSIBLE CONSULTATION CHAIRMAN, AND THEN UNANIMOUSLY APPOINTED IN THAT FUNCTION.

A POSSIBILITY COULD BE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OECD MEETING ON COMMODITIES TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION WITHIN AN EXISTING FRAMEWORK WITHOUT RISKING OF UPSETTING ANYBODY BY SOME KIND OF BYPASSING THE UNCTAD PROCEDURES. I IMAGINE THAT, IF YOU WERE TO PROPOSE SUCH AN AGENDA FOR THE OECD GROUP ON COMMODITIES, THE FRENCH DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT.

FOR THE TIME BEING, I SHALL DRIVE BACK TO THE SEASIDE AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL THE FIRST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER. MEANWHILE, YOUR EMBASSY COULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE (MR. L. HENNEKINE) AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (MR. VAUTREY, IN ABSENCE OF R. DIETRICH); BOTH HAVE IN HAND A COPY OF YOUR LETTER.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS. TRULY YOURS, PIERRE LEGOUX.
END TEXT.

3. COPY OF LEGOUX'S LETTER HAS ALSO BEEN PASSED TO USMISSION OECD (GEWECKE).
GAMMON

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